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The observations of the MAGDEBURG, WITTENBERG, ROSSLAU, WEISSEN, WITTENBERG, and DRESDEN rail track bridges across the Elbe River present the following picture as to antiaircraft gun emplacements:

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1. MAGDEBURG. Five or six antiaircraft gun or antitank gun emplacements were recognized on the eastern section of the not completed "Strombruecke" in MAGDEBURG. The guns, which are covered with tarpaulins and camouflage nets, have a caliber of from 70 to 80mm. They are protected by revetments reinforced by round timber and are guarded by a sentry equipped with field glasses.

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2. WITTENBERG. No antiaircraft gun emplacements exist at the WITTENBERG rail track bridge.

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3. ROSSLAU. No newly constructed antiaircraft gun emplacements are located at the Elbe bridge near ROSSLAU. \* Dilapidated former German antiaircraft gun emplacements could be recognized on both banks near the bridge.

4. WEISSEN. No reports received.

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5. WITTENBERG. No antiaircraft gun emplacements observed in a circumference of 1,350 feet from the two ends of the WITTENBERG rail track bridge.

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6. DRESDEN. No antiaircraft gun emplacements were observed at or near the rail track bridges across the Elbe River in DRESDEN. \*\*

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Comment:

\* The statement that no newly constructed antiaircraft gun emplacements exist at the bridge was confirmed by two other sources (C and D).

\*\* This information was confirmed by another source (E).

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